

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 1414 - HB 1922**

April 1, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits each licensed healthcare facility from requiring uninsured patients to pay more for services rendered than the participating fee amount the healthcare facility would receive from Medicare if the same services were provided to a Medicare recipient. Current law prohibits uninsured patients from paying more than 150% of the average commercial health insurance reimbursement.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

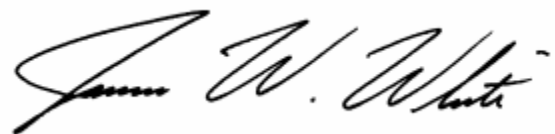
#### **Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

##### Assumptions:

- “Healthcare facility” means a hospital, ambulatory surgical center, or outpatient diagnostic center.
- “Uninsured patient” means a person with no public or private source of payment for medical services, including without limitation, Medicare, TennCare, a contract of insurance, an employer-sponsored health plan, or other enforceable obligation under which a person is responsible for payment for healthcare services provided to the patient.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Health concerning similar legislation, the increase to state expenditures for this bill is estimated to be not significant.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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